

Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley



Elected Officials

Chairperson: Genevieve Jones



Chairwoman Jones

Environmental Director: Sally Manning

Land Base: 279 acres

EPA Funding (2017-2018)

Clean Water Act Monitoring & Nonpoint	\$100,000
Clean Air Act	\$70,000
Regional Tribal Operations Committee	\$137,000
General Assistance Program	<u>\$160,700</u>
	\$467,700



General Assistance Program

The Tribe is finalizing an EPA/Tribal Environmental Plan, updating a Solid Waste Management Plan, developing a climate change risk assessment, and completing a fiscal and administrative assessment. The Tribe collaborates with Inyo County regarding solid waste issues, and regularly engages Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on environmental issues affecting the Reservation.

Regional Tribal Operations Committee

The Tribe's Water Program Coordinator, Alan Bacock, is the Co-Chair of the RTOC. The Tribe receives a grant to support staff time, rent meeting rooms, and fund a contract for a Tribal Policy Advisor.

Damian Willson, 415-972-3453

Big Pine Tribe Public Water System

ETT Score as of 4/2018: *0 points – Full Compliance*

The Tribe operates a public water system with 202 connections serving 550 people daily. Treatment is limited to chlorination of groundwater. The Tribe approved metered water use rates in 2010. In 2011, through metering, the Tribe reduced annual water consumption by 50%, saving 60 million gallons and associated operational costs. Most of these savings occurred through reduced usage by a minority of the water users.

Karl Banks, 415-972-3557

Air Quality Program

Big Pine received their first Clean Air Act grant in FY18. Prior to implementing an air program, the Tribe built capacity with GAP by developing a Needs Assessment, Emissions Inventory, and a Quality Assurance Project Plan, and purchasing a portable air monitor. The Tribe has a burn ordinance and issues burn permits. The Reservation is designated as attainment/ unclassifiable for all NAAQS and has no Title V sources. PM10 from Owens Lake is of concern to the Tribe. Big Pine qualified for \$102,933 in funding from CARB under AB617, to purchase and install monitors for additional PM monitoring.

Roberto Gutierrez, 415-947-4276

Solid Waste

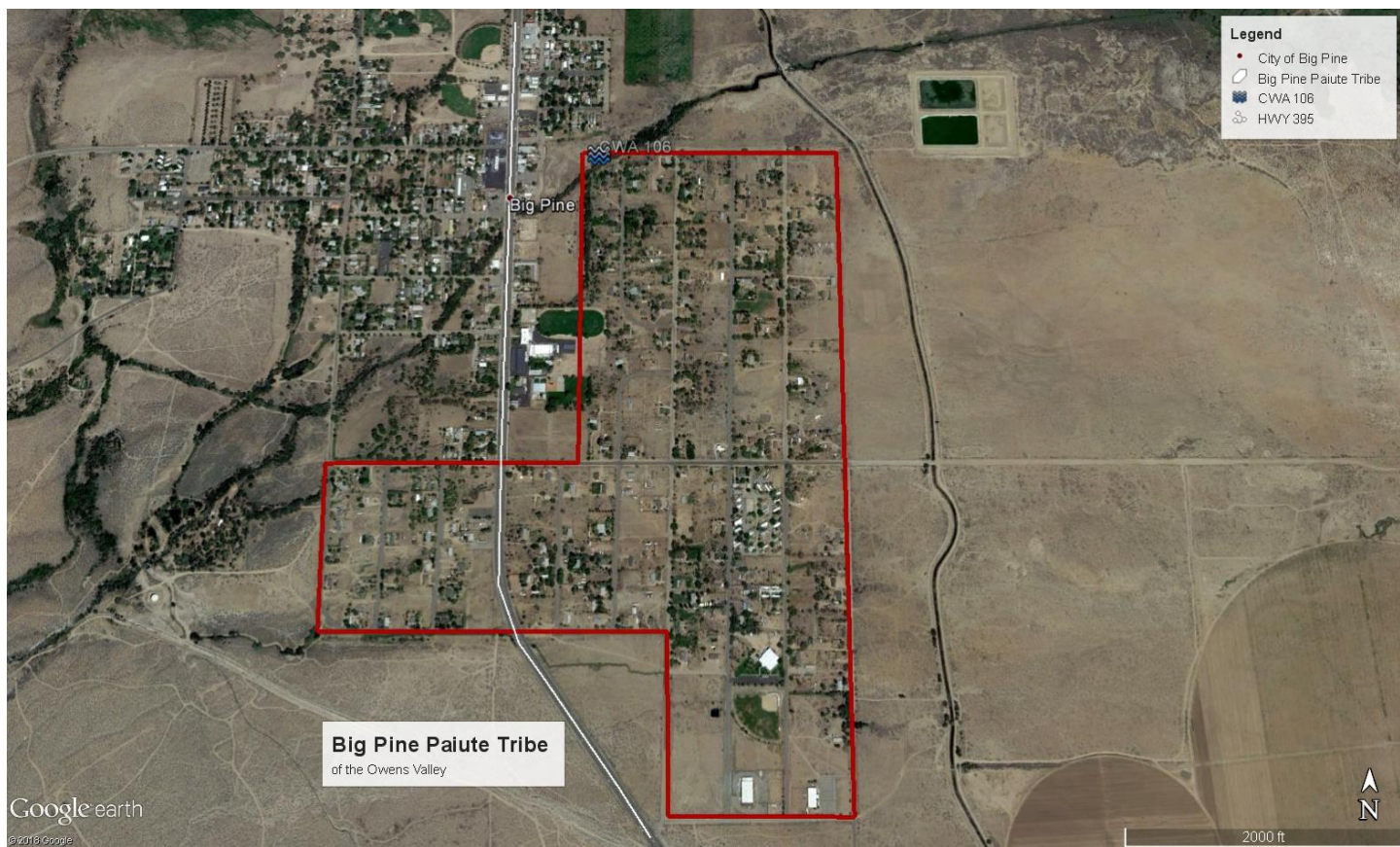
The Tribe is updating their circa 2008 Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan under the GAP grant to include composting and increasing the rate of waste diversion through expansion of the tribal recycling program.

Jenny Stephenson, 415-972-3429

Water Quality Programs

The Tribe first received Water funding in 1997, and received Treatment as a State to administer a Water Quality Standards program in 2005, with standards approved in 2006. The Tribe uses their monitoring funding to assess Big Pine Creek and monitor their groundwater resources. In January 2003, the Tribe received Nonpoint Source TAS. The Tribe is currently using Nonpoint Source funding to manage and control invasive non-native species and provide outreach and education to its members.

Howard Kahan, 415-972-3143



Big Pine Reservation (Google Earth photo dated 07/06/2016)

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